

THE ARGUS.

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Monday, March 28, 1904.

This being spring the sultan thinks he'll go out and kill a few Macedonians.

Is it not time for the anonymous correspondent to break loose through the customary channels?

President Palma of Cuba has begun the prosperity cry. The full dinner pail will of course follow.

The Argus declines to follow where John Looney leads, or to support anyone whom John Looney leads.

There is at least one true statement in Henry Vignaud's sidelights on Christopher Columbus: Chris did discover America.

A St. Paul minister has shocked the members of his congregation by entering a saloon and drinking butter-milk. Can it be that they expected him to drink beer or whisky?

The house committee on judiciary has authorized a favorable report on the Hepburn-Dolliver bill, granting the state police power over "original packages" of intoxicating liquors coming into their borders as interstate commerce. An amendment was adopted, stipulating that the bill should not apply to persons receiving interstate shipments of liquor for their own personal use.

District Attorney Jerome of New York in an address to Yale students the other night declared that good government is not to be brought about in this country by "theoretical" means, but by hard work and self-sacrifice on the part of respectable people who must get out and depose the crooks who are leasing both parties in the cities and larger towns for purely mercenary ends.

William Allen Smith, who fired off the Cannon boom in the house at Washington the other day, is a beet-sugar congressman who enjoys the fame of having talked back at Mr. Roosevelt. It was on an occasion of instruction at the white house. "Mr. President," said Smith, who was one of the instructed, "I think I know what my duty is to my constituents as well as you do, and I may as well tell you that I am no western broncho that can be ridden against his will."

An Illinois gunner on board the United States cruiser Newark has won the world's championship as a naval gunner. He is Frank Arbuckle, of De Kalb county, and recently he fired 12 shots from a 6-inch gun in one minute and fifty-four seconds, hitting the target eleven times. The previous best record was held by an English gunner, who fired twelve shots in two minutes, hitting the target nine times. Among the United States gunners the record was held by a Wisconsin man.

There are two widows of revolutionary soldiers living. One of them is Rebecca Mayo, now over 90 years old, who resides at Newbern, Va. Stephen Mayo, her husband, had four terms of service in the revolution, and fought at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. She married him in 1834, when he was 77 years of age. The other surviving widow is Esther S. Duncan of Plymouth Union, Vt. The committee on pensions of the United States house of representatives has reported in favor of granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mayo from \$12 to \$23 a month.

The "Auld Brig o' Ayr," immortalized by Burns, is at last falling into decay, after a useful existence of over six hundred years. Burns makes it say to its new rival who replaced it as being old-fashioned and ugly: "I'll be a brig when ye're a shapeless cairn." But its supports are now crumbling. An architect reports that it will soon collapse unless it is shored up and renewed. He is trying to induce the town council of Ayr to appropriate \$3,500 for its preservation. The council is willing to act, it is said, but is delaying over a question of whether the money should be used for taxation or be taken from a bequest long ago made for the purpose, the validity of which is undecided.

Beef Trust Active.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: The rise in the price of beef is an arbitrary exercise of monopoly power by the trust.

It is a fair question to ask: What is

the administration going to do about it? The advance is not justified by the condition of the market and exhibits all the marks of the abuse denounced by the supreme court in the Northern Securities case. If Mr. Roosevelt is sincere in his emphatic anti-trust utterances, will he not direct the attorney-general to institute an investigation, with a view to prosecution if the facts justify?

No other course is open to the administration if the president expects to save the credit gained in the Northern Securities prosecution. The question of monopoly is uppermost in the public mind because arbitrary exactions like this of the beef combine are becoming frequent. If nothing is done to follow up the merger victory Mr. Roosevelt's managers will hear cynical inquiries concerning the connections between monopoly-made prices and contributions to the campaign fund.

Two Political Jobs in One.

It is not a usual thing for a governor to be a chairman of a state political committee. But Benjamin B. Odell, of New York, is going to try it. He says the duties of the two positions will not conflict. They will not, according to his idea of official duty and responsibility. If a governor is to be a thorough-paced partisan, and use his office for the promotion of partisan ends, it would be quite in harmony with his administration to direct the campaign as chairman of a party committee. But this is an almost unparalleled subordination of a high public office to the exigencies of politics and the cravings of personal ambition.

The general feeling of New York republicans is that the state is lost to them, and it is doubtful if the governor's assumption of the committee chairmanship will change this.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that on Tuesday, the fifth day of April, A. D. 1904, in the city of Rock Island, Illinois, an election will be held for the following officers, to-wit:

CITY OFFICERS.

One alderman in the First ward for two years.
One alderman in the Second ward for two years.
One alderman in the Third ward for two years.
One alderman in the Fourth ward for two years.
One alderman in the Fifth ward for two years.
One alderman in the Sixth ward for two years.

TOWN OFFICERS.

One assessor for one year.
One collector for one year.
One supervisor for two years.
Three assistant supervisors for two years.

Which election will be open at 7 o'clock in the morning and continue open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day. Places of registration and voting will be as follows:

First ward—First precinct, No. 403 Fourth avenue.
First ward—Second precinct, No. 506 Fourth avenue.
Second ward—First precinct, No. 1014 Third avenue.
Second ward—Second precinct, barn, No. 919 Sixth avenue.
Third ward—First precinct, county jail, Third avenue and Fourteenth street.
Third ward—Second precinct, No. 1422 Seventh avenue.
Third ward—Third precinct, No. 1113 Fifteenth street.
Fourth ward—First precinct, Frick's livery, 1914 Third avenue.
Fourth ward—Second precinct, M. Levy's carriage house, Nineteenth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.
Fifth ward—First precinct, hose house on Twenty-second street.
Fifth ward—Second precinct, Schmid's grocery, No. 823 Twentieth street.
Sixth ward—First precinct, hose house, Twenty-sixth street, near Seventh avenue.
Sixth ward—Second precinct, A. J. Riess' barn, No. 709 Twenty-seventh street.
Seventh ward—First precinct, No. 3110 Fifth avenue.
Seventh ward—Second precinct, Peterson's carpenter shop, No. 510 Forty-fifth street.
Seventh ward—Third precinct, Albert Olsen's barn, Forty-fourth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.
H. C. SCHAFFER,
City and Town Clerk.
Rock Island, Ill., March 15, 1904.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by Hartz & Ulmeyer, druggists.

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DAILY SHORT STORY

The Jewel I Found.

(Original.)

When I was at an age to begin the world for myself, my sole desire was to get rich quick and spend my money all on myself. With this in view I went to Port Natal to hunt for diamonds. I hunted three years, with no success. Then it began to dawn on me that instead of winning a life of ease I had won not only a life of poverty, but one of exile.

One day when riding my bicycle along a newly made road my saddle slipped forward, and not having a wrench with which to tighten the nut I dismounted to find a stone to drive the saddle forward. While looking for a stone of the proper size my eye fell on one about as large as a small hen's egg, which my practiced eye at once took for a diamond. I hurried to my room with it, tested it and found it to be a diamond of the first water. In a twinkling all was changed. My dream was realized.

I had a small stone which I sold for enough to take me home and at once sailed for America. The first day out on the ocean I did nothing but dream of my good fortune. I would build me a country house on the seashore where I was born and sit all the long summer day on my piazza looking at the ocean. The second day I tired of dreaming and began to long for something to occupy me. On the third I felt bored. One morning I noticed a young girl sitting in a steamer chair. It was her first appearance on deck. At any rate I had not seen her before. I wished at once I could know and talk with her. It would relieve that bored feeling which had come upon me. Luckily I had made the acquaintance of one who knew her and secured an introduction. She had gone to South Africa to teach, but her health had become impaired, and she was going back to where she had started from, worse off than before.

I spent hours with her. I told her that I was sufficiently well off to do as I liked, and what I liked to do was nothing. She did not seem very enthusiastic over my plans for the future. Indeed she said that a man without an object was a lumberer of the ground. I could not but contrast myself with this girl, who in face of real discouragements was so much more ready to exert herself than I, with health, strength and man's advantages in fighting the world.

One night, or rather, early morning, I was playing cards and drinking with some men in the smoking room. There was a dense fog on the water, and we should have slowed down, but instead of doing so kept up an average speed. Suddenly there was a clang at the engine bell, a stoppage of the machinery and a commotion on deck, then a crash forward, and we knew there had been a collision.

Amid a panic and a scramble for the boats I saw my girl friend. She was standing on an upper deck, looking down upon the turmoil with remarkable calmness. Some of the sailors had seized a boat for all discipline had vanished, and were just cutting loose. It was the last of the boats, the others having gone. Tearing my diamond from my undershirt, in which it was sewed, I held it before the eyes of the man casting off.

"Do you see that? It's a diamond worth a big fortune. I'll give it to you if you'll take that girl up there with you."

He cast a glance at her and said quickly, "Her, not you; only room for one."

Dashing away, I seized her, carried her to the boat, put her in, gave the man my diamond, and she drifted away from me, her eyes fixed on mine in indescribable gratitude till she was lost to sight.

I was one of three men—the survivors of ten—who were picked up on a raft and taken to New York. The newspapers were full of the loss of our ship, the boat in which I had placed my girl friend having been picked up and brought into port a few days before. We of the raft and those in this boat were the only ones saved from the sunken steamer. I noted the address of the girl I had been the means of saving and went to see her. All she knew was that I had induced a seaman to take her into the boat. That I had bribed him with a fortune she was ignorant. I did not tell her. She was full of gratitude, and I did not care to add to her sense of obligation by telling her that on her account I had put myself back where I was when I started for Port Natal.

I had both gone to the same land. I acquired wealth to enable me to live in ease, she to make herself useful in a life of ceaseless labor. I had succeeded and given my success that she might not die; she had failed and returned to her home in disappointment. I was still on the threshold of life, with health and strength; she an invalid without the means of gaining a livelihood.

But I had received an all absorbing motive. My whole being was bent on expending my man's strength for this helpless girl. This I told her, and she accepted what I could hardly convince her was not a sacrifice.

That was many years ago. Every successive year I have resolved to tell her of the fortune I paid for her, and every year I have broken my resolution. Now I doubt if I shall ever tell her. It would, with her, destroy the equilibrium existing between us. She is content at knowing that she furnished the spur that made a man of me, gave me a modest house over my head and what I need for the wants of myself and my family. While the price I paid was not too much for such a reformation, I could never make her believe that there are not times when I long for my diamond, and the case it would have brought me.

HENRY S. SPICER.

NEWS IN OUTLINE.

George Homer Hall, vice-president of the E. and T. H. railway, is dead, aged 53, at Boston.

Kate D. Richeson is suing her husband for a divorce at St. Paul, and alleges that he tried to poison her through a kiss, which left a sweet mastic taste on her lips.

The will of Dr. Gilwee, prolated in St. Louis, sets aside \$2,000 as a trust fund to feed and care for his horse, which had been faithful to him for twenty-three years.

Police at Marseilles, France, arrested strikers' "pickets" and a series of riots resulted.

Rush work is being done on the British fortifications at Esquimaux.

B. C.

Colden T. P. Needles, of the Dawes commission, states that he has not resigned and has no intention of doing so.

R. S. Bonesteel, a lawyer, arrested in Dallas, Tex., under indictment for forgery at Taylorsville, Ill., escaped from the police by feigning sickness.

Heavy rains and floods are playing havoc with railway line schedules in New York.

Dan Daly, the comedian, died suddenly in his room in the Vendome hotel, New York. For several years he has suffered from tuberculosis.

Giuseppe Marconi, the father of the inventor, is dead at Bologna, aged 83 years.

Simultaneous raids made at New York on three alleged pool rooms by the police secured about 350 prisoners, including forty women.

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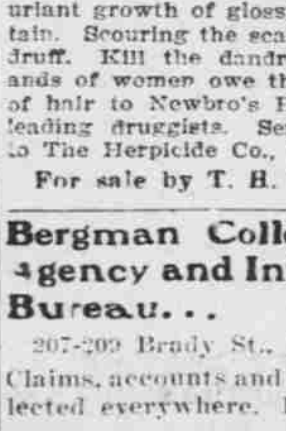
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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Rock Island Savings Bank,

AT ROCK ISLAND.

State of Illinois, before the commencement of business on the 23d day of March, 1904, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts for the state of Illinois pursuant to law.

ASSETS.

Loans and discounts \$1,901,010.31

Other bonds and securities, inc. premiums 55,600.00

Other real estate 8,490.88

Owned by bank 1,457.00

Furniture and fixtures 9,915.48

Due from State Banks and National Banks 264,500.99

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a. Gold coin 21,300.00

treasury certificates 570.00

b. Silver coin 440.00

treasury certificates 1,055.00

c. National Bank currency 2,333.00

d. Legal tender and treasury notes 1,645.00

e. Fractional currency, nickels and cents 6.00

Total \$2,356,472.87

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in 100,000.00

Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid 142,995.46

Dividends paid 28.00

Time deposits, savings 1,830,015.18

Due to other banks 2,053,883.96

Due to other banks 265.45

Total \$2,356,472.87

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ss.

I, P. Greenwalt, cashier of the Rock Island Savings Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 1904.

[SEAL] P. GREENWALT, Cashier.

C. R. CHAMBERLIN, Notary Public.

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10 bars Cudahy's Diamond C soap 25c

Best Granulated Sugar, 21 lbs. 1.00

9 Bars Santa Claus Soap 25c

Egg-O-See and Vigor, 3 packages 25c

Quaker Oats, per package 8c

Standard Tomatoes, 25c

3 cans 25c

Standard Corn, 3 cans 25c

New York gallon apples 25c

Klondike Coffee, per pound 10c

Brazil Coffee, per pound 12c

3 lb. can Green Gages 10c

Pure Catsup, 3 bottles 25c

3 lb. can Egg Plums 10c

2 lb. pkg. Cero-Fruto, Malta-Too flakes and Cera Nut, 2 pkgs 15c

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Fancy Dairy Butter, per pound 20c